

Ottawa, Week by Week

(By DEAN WILSON)

Pictures and Memories

Anyone, who has visited the Upper Chamber in Ottawa, would find that large pictures of outstanding scenes of World War I cover the walls of Canada House. These scenes often attracted much attention and proved extremely popular with visitors, especially veterans of World War I. In fact, these pictures usually revived many memories among veterans and those who had served in the war, liked by Senators themselves. However, now these old, interesting pictures have been taken down and removed to other quarters, being replaced by the pictures of the various individuals who have been Speakers.

Timely Tales

Prime Minister Mackenzie King went to the United States recently, reports seemed to stress that the 69-year-old Canadian official, who was going away for a short holiday or vacation in the South. However, there have been other reports that the Prime Minister had taken this trip much more for the purpose of talks on important official affairs, particularly because events of extraordinary interest on the international scene, including the historic meeting of the "Big Three"—Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin and Chiang Kai-Shek meeting abroad, have taken place since Canada's time last in the White House. His last previous visit to Washington. In regard to reports of a conference in London of the Prime Ministers of the various Dominions, such a meeting "early in the year," as it has been claimed, would also require the attendance of Mr. King, though it must be pointed out that consideration would have to be given to the fact that Canada's Parliament will reassemble on January 26 after its adjournment on August 1, 1943, and the head of the Government in Ottawa would not be absent for any lengthy period during an extremely important session, especially in view of the latest political developments on the home front in this country.

Unwarranted Fear

Reports of fear are heard on numerous occasions in this World War II that the many wartime restrictions or controls are going to be abolished, leading to a "bureaucratic" or an enduring system of "bureaucracy" in Canada, which may be extremely difficult to erase from this country's design of governmental methods after the end of this war. However, judging from the latest observations behind the scenes along parliament Hill, there are not only so many supposed inclinations on the part of these men engaged to carry out these wartime controls but many of them it is whispered, are in reality most anxious to return to their peacetime duties as soon as possible if and when they are able to do so.

A Most Remarkable Figure

It has been revealed that Canada's favourable balance of trade—that is this country's excess of exports over imports, during the first ten months of 1943 had reached the figure of \$860,000, 000, so that a new mark will be established for the whole year of 1943, when Canada's total trade estimated to be well over four and a half million dollars as compared with the total of over four million dollars in 1942, when it was considered a most remarkable and amazing figure in 1942. In other words, the favourable balance of trade for Canada for the first ten months of 1943 amounted to \$960,000, 000 as compared with only \$111, 000,000 in 1942, less than \$200, 000,000 in 1941, and less than three quarters of a billion dollars in 1942.

Racial Harmony Sought

In sharp contrast to the policies and ideologies prevailing in certain other countries of this world, a national advisory committee under the Department of the Minister of National War Services, Major-General L. R. Brooke, has been created in Ottawa, to study the ways and means for the betterment of the standards of common citizenship in Canada by promoting more and more the greatest possible degree of harmony and understanding between the various races within the borders of this country, with this committee's latest meeting in the nation's capital having lasted for two days.

Shortages Foreseen

An expert examination has indicated that this year there may be a shortage of onions, cabbages, and certain vegetables, though some of these shortages, such as potatoes and celery, may be even more plentiful than last year. It has been calculated that cabbage seedlings may be 35 per cent less and onions as much as 68 per cent less than last year. On the other hand, there will be a 15 per cent, 12 per cent and 60 per cent respectively than a year ago. Then again, it has been shown that although steel beams will be allowed to manufacture 7,000,000 cars or metal containers to be used up by the end of March.

Dance of the Dollars

A report from the Bank of Canada indicates that the Government in Ottawa has demanded from the man-in-the-street a steadily increasing amount of money in loans or in taxes in this World War II. It has revealed that the finances of the Federal Government for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1944, total of \$1,823,000,000, including no less than \$4,283,000,000 for war requirements. The money having been raised by Government revenues of \$2,408, 000,000, bonds sold to the public in Canada for \$2,408,000,000, issues, \$2,320,000,000; war savings certificates and stamps, net, \$46,000,000; treasury bills, net, \$60,000,000; deposits of credit, net, \$438,000,000; and F.E.C.B. temporary borrowing from Bank of Canada, \$37,000, 000. This brought the total to \$5,281,000,000, and a comparison of the requirements now with those prior to the war can be made when it is stated that the total requirements in the last year before the war were only \$546,000,000.

Air Travel Is Speedy

To Navigator's Home

Here is an account of speedy air travel. Squadron Leader D. S. P. Brown, D.F.C., now serving as a navigator with the Royal Canadian Air Force, operated by Trans Canada Air Lines for the Canadian Government, not once reached his home in Regina, just last 12 hours after a month's flight—about 81,000 miles were spent in travelling, time down at Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, North Bay, Winnipeg, Leominster and Calgary making up the remainder. The air distance covered in the trans-Atlantic crossing of the Trans Canada Air Lines flight represented approximately 5,600 miles.

"Time Bombs"

When public office is just looked on as a "plum," democracy is no longer a way of life. It is nothing but a way to make a living.

Let's talk Canada by living like Canadians. Canadians are honest, trustworthy, reliable, clean, free and united. Are we? All the time?

We must live democracy, as well as believe in it, in order to have it. Peace is not the absence of conflict in life but the ability to cope with it.

Obituary

PATRICK JOSEPH BALF.

One of the best known farmers of the Cantaur district, near Swift Current, Sask., died at the home of his brother-in-law, Harry Balf, in Delia, on Monday, December 24th, 1943, following a lingering illness. The remains were shipped to Swift Current for burial. Funeral services were held on Thursday morning, 30th ult., at 10:30 o'clock, at Sacred Heart Church, with Rev. Father O'Brien officiating. Interment took place in the family plot at Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Predeceased by his wife in 1918, he leaves several sons and brothers: Harry in Delia, Alta.; Nicholas, of Barrie, Ont. (who is at present residing in Delia); Thomas, at present residing in Minnesota; and a sister, Mrs. E. A. Gearing, Anoka, Minn.

Retired in 1940 from active farming, Mr. Balf had given long service to his community as Cantaur, and had also served on the municipal council. He took a keen interest in all local affairs, and was highly regarded. One of his main interests through the years was in the farmer movement, having been identified with the grain growers and with the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, of which he had served as a director in this district.

Mr. Balf was married to Mrs. Mary Balf, of Barrie, Ont., seventy-one years ago, and came west to Weyburn first, then to the Cantaur district about 1905, where he took up his homestead.

Xmas Tree and Concert

The Olympia Theatre was crowded to capacity on Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd, when the public and students of Delia Public School held their annual Christmas tree and concert.

Proceedings started about 8:30, and from beginning to end were most enjoyable. The program was briefly explained, all the children acquitting themselves admirably. The teachers and those responsible for the training of the pupils of the various classes were to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment, which must have lasted much time and effort after school hours in its preparation. The singing and acting of some of the bigger boys and girls were commendable, and especially the solo rendered by Miss Patricia Murray, which drew forth much applause. The stage setting of the various scenes was most attractive, while in one corner a large Xmas tree decorated the platform, lighted with many variegated miniature electric bulbs, laden with presents, that gave a most pleasing effect.

About 11 p.m. all the children reluctantly accepted a Christmas Dinner, who presently arrived from the front of the hall and treated all to spiritous for an old man (donated by the platform, which was given in commando fashion, and distributed presents to all the children. Following proceedings a dance was held, Michibiki being supplying the music. The hall was crowded to capacity, and everyone far and near spent a pleasant time until the early morning hours.

The following is the program:

1. Reception.....Justin Balch
2. Reception.....Betty and John
3. Play....."We Believe in Santa Claus" Pupils of Mrs. Chaw's Room
4. Reception.....Justin Balch
5. Reception.....Jimmy Wilson
6. Play....."The Little Red Riding Hood" Mrs. Murray's Sunday School Class
7. Reception.....Audrey Morrison
8. Reception....."The Royal Borden" Reception.....Robert Wilson
9. Violin Duo.....Robert Craig and Mr. Stevens
10. Play....."Dorothy's Christmas Carol" Pupils of Mrs. Fitzsimmons' Room
11. Reception.....Justin Balch
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Former Delia Woman Evacuee By Japanese

Said She Was Well Treated By Japanese While In Japan

"I am a woman to be proud of," said Mrs. M. J. Balf, who was evacuated from Delia, Canada, to Japan, in 1941, following the evacuation of Japanese Canadians. She said she was well treated by the Japanese, and that she had a very good time in Japan, where she was evacuated to a Japanese family who had been living in Canada for many years.

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Minutes M.D. Council of Starland, No. 277

The regular meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Starland, No. 277, was held in Room 10 on Tuesday, December 14th, at 10:30 a.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, on motion of Coun. Rowe.

Reeve McPherson presented the Inspectors' Report, which was read and ordered filed, on motion of Coun. Rowe.

Moved by Coun. Waters and carried, that the request of the Drumheller District in the sum of \$17.82 be accepted.

In connection with a letter received from the Canadian Council of Municipalities and the H.M. "Municipal" Institute, it was moved by Reeve McPherson and carried, that the request of the Drumheller District in the sum of \$17.82 be accepted.

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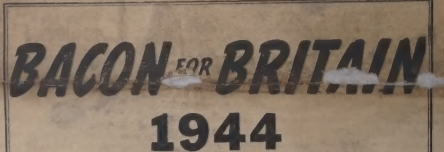
WAR SALVAGE

Salvage FATS are Urgently Needed

Help provide our Fighting Forces with bombs, shells, and other explosives by saving all surplus Fats, and delivering them to Mr. A. Wilcox, at the Highland Meat Market, Delia.

Mr. Wilcox will prepare Fats for shipment, and by so doing start them on their way.

Delia Salvage Committee



Canada's Guarantee
650 MILLION POUNDS
Canada will try to deliver
600 MILLION POUNDS

to help Britain maintain the present weekly ration of 4 oz. per person.

To meet this need every pig possible will be needed and more sows should be bred now.

In hog production the largest item of expense is feed cost.

Practical trials on a wide scale show that under farm conditions and with good management a pig can be raised to 200 lbs. (170 lb. carcass) on an equivalent of 1000 lbs. of barley or wheat. This includes the sow's feed.

After making a liberal allowance for other costs, such as interest, depreciation and labour, the net returns on grain fed to hogs under good management, should be not less than the amount shown below.

B-Hog Price	Barley	Feed Wheat
At Farm	per bushel	per 100 lbs.
15c.	74c.	\$1.54
16c.	81c.	\$1.69
17c.	88c.	\$1.83

Quality premium or bonus on hogs not included in above.

BREED SOWS FOR BRITAIN

For further information contact your Provincial Department of Agriculture, Agricultural College, nearest Dominion Experimental Farm or Live Stock Office of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES BOARD

Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa

Honourable James H. Gardiner, Minister

CANADA'S MERCHANT MARINE CAN NOT ENTER SHIPPING TRADE IN LARGE WAY AFTER THE WAR

OTTAWA.—The disposition of Canada's present merchant marine after the war will likely be the subject of a thorough debate in the House of Commons next session, Transport Minister Michael Auld said.

"I see no future in Canada going into the shipping business on a big scale after the war," the minister told The Canadian Press "and the ships might well be used to develop trade between Canada and the West Indies and South America, but to enter competition for trade routes across the Atlantic and Pacific would be a big undertaking."

Mr. Auld said that if the Canadian government, alone or in co-operation with other nations, it would be for competing with old world companies that have world-wide organizations. It is a ship taken a year to a port, it has to have an agent there to get a cargo for the trip back.

Freighters from Norway and Greece are operated by private companies with years of experience behind them and they are likely to resume operations after the war, he said. The wages paid by these foreign companies to their crews are much below Canadian scales.

British steamship companies are preparing to operate on regular schedules and they will be in a position to take the ships Canada has, said Mr. Michael.

We have 55 freighters manned by Canadian crews already and expect to have an even bigger fleet by the time the war is over, he said. The fleet will be quite a few months before it is ready to operate.

In addition to the ships manned by Canadian crews there are Canadian-built ships based in Britain and the United States. Last May Maritime Minister How estimated that the Canadian fleet of ships in the United States would have 200 merchant ships in the war.

Mr. Michael said a full discussion of what was to be made of the ships after the war was desirable, so the public would appreciate the difficulties of Canada embarking on the merchant marine program.

The minister expressed belief there will be a considerable demand for ships as soon as the war is over from South American countries, and from Canadian firms regularly in the shipping business.

RUSSIAN ANTHEM

British Communist Says It Is An Expression Of New Nationalism

LONDON.—Russia "has risen to her feet and has found her own real voice," the Evening News said in an editorial commenting on the Russian broadcast announcement that the famous "Internationale" has been replaced by a new Soviet national anthem in which Russia is hailed as "a republic of the free."

"The new anthem is an expression of the new nationalism in Russia and of Russian pride in herself and her faith and in her leaders," the News said.

Many morning papers considered the announcement of the new anthem as noteworthy, that they have it front-page play.

CANADIAN BUILT AIRPORTS BETWEEN ALBERTA AND ALASKA GIFT TO THE UNITED STATES

OTTAWA.—The "Northwest Passage by Air" Canada's 1941 Christmas gift to the United States has been made a reality by the Canadian-built string of airports in the interior, both in Alberta and Alaska. The new airports are the result of the Canadian victory in the Alaskan campaign.

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It has been part of the latest service of the north, but there was a need of the importance in a report of the United States office of war information describing the contribution of civilian airlines to the war effort in distant places. This report mentioned that civilian airlines were leading regularly at the airport of Dutch Harbor, in the Aleutians at the time of a Japanese attack.

The probability is that these and other aircraft carrying vital cargoes of men and supplies had sped along the Canadian chain of airfields.

While the Northwest Staging Route is the official name of the Canadian undertaking, it had been recommended by the Canada-12 defense board. Air Minister Power announced in February, 1941, that 10 months before the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, that the air port system in the northwest would be established by the Canadian government at a cost of about \$9,000,000.

At that time the survey work had started with the help of Canadian-

NEW COIN

Five Cent Piece To Be Made Of Copper-Nickel

OTTAWA.—Lance of a new 12-sided five-cent coin made of copper-nickel alloy to replace the present 12-sided coin of copper and zinc alloy has been authorized under an order of the Minister of Finance.

Under the Canadian Currency Act, the new coin is to be made of pure nickel, but because of nickel requirements for other purposes, it is being made of a nickel-copper alloy.

The 12-sided five-cent piece will be a heavier design and was made of milled copper and zinc.

The 12-sided nickel, being a new design, is to be the "Victory" symbol and the Victory Torch will be a symbol of the sacrifice which is being made to achieve victory.

Canada Could Export Wheat To Feed Europe

OTTAWA.—At least 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, half of it in Canada, will be available for shipment to the hungry people of Europe if the war there ends in 1944, the Dominion Minister of Agriculture said in a review of the wheat situation in Argentina and Australia have been available for export, while Canadian surplus stocks total at \$70,000,000.

"This reservoir of wheat would be available for export to Europe if liberated in 1944 and provided with adequate ocean transport would not only be a great help to Europe, but it would be a great help to the world."

"Moreover, both Canada and the United States will harvest another wheat crop in the millions of bushels and the United States is endeavoring to increase the acreage under wheat for the 1944 harvest by 14,000,000 acres."

Large quantities of wheat have been used for fuel and other purposes apart from human food in the past year, but there are indications this diversion of bread grain supplies will taper off in 1944, especially if the end of the European struggle comes in sight.

The latest Italy says the recent Dominion-1944 wheat conference had recommended 1944 wheat acreage be left unchanged in light of data on the world surplus condition.

DEFOULTEE AP CITIES

NEW YORK.—A Domei despatch broadcast from Tokyo said the cabinet of Prime Minister, Ichiro Tojo, had completed regulations for "the" de-population of the large cities of Japan in connection with the declaration of anti-aircraft defence measures. "The regulations will apply to Tokyo, Osaka, Kobe, Nagoya, and others," said the broadcast.

Canadian Convoy Advances In Italy



German demolition experts continue to slow down the advance of Eighth Army units in Italy. This Canadian convoy had to proceed over the bridge recently constructed by Royal Canadian Engineers when the original was blown by retreating Germans.

SCORED A HIT CLOTHING INDUSTRY

R.C.A.F. Plane Drops Bomb On Enemy Ship Off Banks of Canada

LONDON.—One of the R.C.A.F.'s sturdy Flying Albion, a bombing squadron, flying a biplane-type aircraft, was dropping a bomb on a German ship, has scored a direct hit on an enemy vessel, a few miles north of Calais.

The pilot, P.O. Dale Thomson of Port Amherst, N.S., scored the hit by dropping a 1000-lb. daylight incendiary bomb on a German ship.

The plane was one of an R.C.A.F. squadron of the coastal command which attacked an enemy ship, a German ship, and an explosion followed.

At one time Tientsin was the capital of Italy.

R.C.A.F. "Flying Postman" Delivers The Goods

By War Savings Stamp Regularly

DURING THE BLITZ

Bomb On British Cured Home Of The Social Factions

OTTAWA.—German bombs dropped on Britain during the blitz blasted some of the British people's worst enemies, said Mr. J. M. Macdonald, United Kingdom high commissioner to Canada, said here.

In an address prepared for delivery before an Ottawa service club, Mr. Macdonald said "bombing and shelling were severely and we all know that."

"Among the ruins a new sense of community was born, a consciousness that only solidarity in the nation was dependent on every other, that they were all members of the same."

The bombings brought stark tragedy to many homes, Mr. Macdonald said.

"Yet for the nation as a whole the 'crisis' challenge has not been lost. From the fire-escape, the phoning, being bombed was not just a physical experience, but a spiritual experience as well."

WOULD UNITE GREEKS

Join Together In A Determined Effort To Defeat The Enemy

CALCUTTA.—Fugitive Kinnaird Therois has appealed to Greek guerrillas to cease fighting among themselves and unite against the Germans.

The chief of the Greek government in Cairo said in a broadcast that the difference between the opposing guerrilla bands did not touch the "essential interests of the nation."

He asserted the Germans are waiting until the federal strike caused the guerrillas to become exhausted, to "strike a deadly blow at the small remnants of you-if you are left."

Therois said Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, British commander in the Middle East, joined him in the appeal, adding "only those who agree and unite will be considered a part of the army of the Middle East."

India's mills normally produce 60 per cent of the world's burlap.

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OBSCURE PEASANT PATRIOT OF YUGOSLAVIA WHO IS FIGHTING A BITTER WAR IN THE BALKANS

Ambassador

LONDON.—The development of the obscure peasant patriot, Josip Broz, known as "Tito," is rapidly becoming one of the great epics of the Second World War, say experienced military services.

He has become a vague name which once was supposed to conceal the identity of a whole series of Partisan generals, now the support of the Soviet Union and has brought admiration from the Allies.

Tito has done it by one of the most hard-bitten campaigns ever waged in Balkan Europe, where he has steadily built up a force of well over a quarter of a million fighting men, won the support of the Soviet Union and has brought admiration from the Allies.

Two years ago nobody abroad heard of Tito and only a few orders of the International Brigade were fought in the Balkans, in the village of Tito's headquarters.

Now, everyone was talking about Tito. He is now talking about Tito with an army of 600,000 men who carried the banner of resistance inside old Serbia.

Estimates, it is doubtful if Tito has more than 100,000 men. He has lost thousands to the raging Tito.

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Prisoners from Sangro Battle

Prisoners held before the take-off from Ottawa, the first Flying Fortress of the new Royal Canadian Air Force overseas now arrives with a dark Christmas and for soldiers and sailors in the Mediterranean area. The newly organized unit, squadron four, non-stop from Ottawa to Britain and from there to the Mediterranean area.

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FOOD SHORTAGE

Stocks In Southern Italy Have Disappeared To A Serious Extent

NAPLES.—Shortage of food in southern Italy have diminished to a serious if not a critical point, the Allied military government in the south said. Officers said some of the desperately impoverished districts might suffer from hardships this winter.

British and American economic experts attributed the shortage to the destruction of the wheat crop by retreating German troops, cutting of roads and highways and destruction of four mills.

CRUEL JAPS

The Usual Thing For Japanese To Do In South China

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